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1. The Saechsisches Serumwerk AG, (SSW) was founded in 1909. It is still a private concern, located at Dresden A1, Zirkusstrasse 40. The concern also has premises at Dresden A 53, Goetheallee 30, and Dresden N 54, Schevenstrasse 1. The firm is managed by Willy Bethke, the founder. It produces a wide range of sera, vaccines and biological preparations.
2. The SSW has steadily increased its production steadily since the war and was the first in East Germany, after 1945, to produce 2,000 x diphtheria and tetanus serum. It has more than once been able to supply some urgently needed serum or vaccine when the nationalized firm, Serum-Werk VEB, Dessau, was unable to do so. An example of this was the production of tuberculin in 1951.
3. In the past years, suggestions have been made in the East German Ministry of Health concerning the firm's nationalization.
4. SSW Staff

The SSW has a staff of about 300. The following are some of the leading members: 25X1

(a) Bethke, Willy

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(b) Braeuer, Otto,

(c) Butte, Dr. Hans

(d) Feigenspan,

(e) Geipel, Prof. Dr. Paul,

(f) Hauschka,

Frau Martha von

(g) Kempf, Dr. Hans

(h) Landmann, Frl. Dr. Alice

(i) Mayer-Umhoefer, Dr. Paul

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(j) Morgenstern, Herbert

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(k) Reichert, Dr.

(l) Rodenkirchen, Dr. Hans

(m) Schramm, Richard

(n) Schulze Dr. med. Siegfried

(o) Seifert, Dr. med. Heinz

(p) Staercker, Oswald

(q) Vogel, Otto, Radebeul

(z) Wunderlich, Frau Elisabeth

5. Production : 1948-1951

The SSW produced the following amounts of serum: (the figures are in liters and include in each case all types and strengths of the specified serum)

	<u>Diphtheria-Serum</u>	<u>Tetanus-Serum</u>	<u>Erysipelas-Serum</u>
1948	52.24	218.03	651.56
1949	170.22	453.14	2,927.25
1950	440.81	347.94	2,051.00
1951	502.74	709.67	3,894.00

6. Capacity of SSW

The following table indicates the present capacity of the SSW. The table is based on the assumption that SSW will work at full capacity. The table has been provisionally accepted by both the SSW and the East German Ministry of Health but, by late February 1952, it had not yet received final official approval.

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<u>Preparation</u>	<u>Amount (liters unless otherwise stated)</u>
1. Bothulinus-Serum	100
2. Diphtheria-serum from horses and/or rams 1000 x	300
3. Diphtheria-serum from horses and/or rams 500 x	320
4. Diphtheria-serum 400 x	delivery is possible in any quantity
5. Diphtheria-protective vaccine	stock 550 liter
6. Gas gangrene (Gasoedem)-serum	80
7. Peritonitis-serum	300 including export
8. Erysipelas serum hum.	100
9. Scarlet fever-serum highly concentrated	200
10. Test serum A,B,O, AB, M, N, Rh	320,000 Cap. 500 ccm
11. Tetanus serum (Schutzdosiss) protective dosage 600 x from horses and/or rams	600
12. Tetanus serum 1000 x from horses and/or rams	30
13. Tetanus serum 2000 x from horses and/or rams	60
14. Tetanus serum 300 x	delivery is possible in any quantity
15. Tetanus protective vaccine	reserve about 90 liters
16. Typhus vaccine	300 (Oelzschau) ³
17. Whooping cough vaccine Tussivaccin and Mix (Misch)-Tussi-Vaccine	300
18. Tbc.-Diagnosticum	90 kg.
19. Dehydrated (getrocknetes) Tuberculin dilution 1, 10, 100	for 150,000 Impfungen (vaccinations)
20. Trichophyton vaccine	10
21. Staphylococcus vaccine	50
22. Skin vaccine (Hautimpfstoff) A+B according to Pomdorf	81,000 Cap
23. Skin vaccines for export	100

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<u>Preparation</u>	<u>Amount (liters unless otherwise stated)</u>
24. Precipitating sera	300 ccm
25. Agglutinating sera	3000 ccm
26. Febrivaccine	20
27. Gonococcus vaccine Vaccigon-Mixtum St. I, II, III	70
28. Vitalserum rectal and peroral	4500
29. Vaccin neurin incl. export	1000
30. Neo-pyocyanase	300
31. Xifal milk, sterile milk with adosed bacterial albumin	100
32. Strophil (injection)	1000
33. Embran (for injection)	450
34. P-Hormone (injection)	150
35. Cholecysmon for injection	100

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3. This refers to SSW's farm at Oelzschau near Bad Lausick, Kreis Borna.

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